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Legacy of the Vanar

Welcome to Geffen, the city of enchantment, where witches and warlocks of every ilk flock to trade their wares and test their mettle. An unexpected detour has stranded Chaos and his companions in this mystic metropolis during the busiest time of the year-the Festival of Magic. With all traffic out of the city shut down for the duration of the event, it seems our heroes will never be able to reach the next shard of Ymir's Heart in time. But perhaps there is a way... Fenris Fenrir has entered the Tournament of Magic, a battle of wits and wizardry with prizes beyond compare for the victor.

"Myung-Jin Lee's RAGNAROK is full of mystery and magic, with some truly spectacular scenes of otherworldly combat. This take on Norse myth, somewhere midway between OH MY GODDESS and Marvel's THOR, is like nothing you'll see anywhere else."

Lawrence Watt-Evans
Author of The Ethshar Series and The Dragon Society

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Bonus Supplement

RAGNARÖK
Second Edition
Players Handbook

A complete guide to the characters and story for novice adventurers.

HEROES

NAME: Chaos
Class: Rune Knight (Dragon Knight?)
Level: 10
Alignment: Chaotic Good
STR: 17
DEX: 10
CON: 15
INT: 12
WIS: 14
CHR: 16

Equipment:
Vision- Enchanted sword- STR +2

Rune Armor- AC -4, 20% bonus saving throw vs. magical attacks.

Notes:
The reincarnation of the fallen god Balder, Chaos has been told by his divine mother, Frigg, that the fate of the world rests in his hands. He may also be tied to the legendary "Dragon Knights."

NAME: Iris Irine
Class: Cleric
Level: 6
Alignment: Lawful Good
STR: 7
DEX: 12
CON: 9
INT: 13
WIS: 16
CHR: 16

Equipment:
Chernryongdo- Enchanted dagger- STR +1, DEX +1, 1D4 damage if anyone but she touches it.

Pronteran Leather Armor- AC -3, DEX +1

Notes:
Iris would have become the new leader of the city of Fayon... that is, if it weren't destroyed by her sister, the Valkyrie Sara Irine. She now follows her close friend Chaos.

HEROES

NAME: Fenris Fenrir
Class: Warlock
Level: 10
Alignment: Neutral Good
STR: 14
DEX: 15
CON: 13
INT: 16
WIS: 12
CHR: 14

Equipment:
Psychic Medallion- Magic compass which leads its bearer to whatever his or her heart most desires.

Laevatein, Rod of Destruction- STR+1, extends to staff on command.

Warrior's Hanbok- AC -4.
Notes:
The reincarnation of the Wolf God, Fenris helped Chaos to realize his identity. She now follows him on his quest.

NAME: Loki
Class: Assassin
Level: 10
Alignment: Lawful Neutral
STR:14
DEX: 18
CON: 12
INT: 12
WIS: 14
CHR: 10

Equipment:
Sword of Shadows- + 4 to hit, damage +2

Bone Armor- AC -5, STR +2

Notes:
Greatest of the Assassins, Loki's anonymity is a testament to his skill at going unseen. An enigma himself, his curiosity and respect for the even more mysterious Chaos caused him to join the Rune Knight for as long as they follow the same road.

HEROES

NAME: Lidia
Class: Thief
Level: 3
Alignment: Neutral Good
STR: 8
DEX: 15
INT: 13
WIS: 10
CHR: 15

Equipment:
Treasure Hunter's Bible- 50% chance of identifying magical items

Follower; Sessy, Cat o' Two Tails- +50% saving throw to pick pockets

Notes:
An "expert treasure hunter" by trade, Lidia "borrows" whatever she can get her hands on while she looks for bigger hauls. She was last seen leaving the city of Prontera. She's currently en route to Geffen in search of the treasures of Alfheim.

ENEMIES

NAME: Skurai
Class: Cursed Prosecutor
Level: 12
Alignment: Chaotic Evil
STR: 17
DEX: 16
CON: 19
INT: 15
WIS: 8
CHR: 12

Equipment:
Talatsu- Cursed sword- STR+2, HP +12- cannot be discarded unless it tastes the blood it is looking for.

Notes:
Skurai follows the will of his sword, Talatsu, that seeks the one blood that will quench its thirst. He has an enormous bounty on his head.

The Story so far...

The Heart of Ymir, taken by the rogue Valkyrie Sara Irine from the city of Prontera, was just one shard of many. The second shard is said to be located in Shwarzwaard, far to the north.
After a quick respite and a change of costume, Chaos, Iris and the rest of the team booked passage to Shwarzwaard via a Sky Ship. Their journey was running smoothly until Wyverns, sent by the Valkyrie Zenobia, destroyed the ship half way along its course. Now our heroes are stranded in Geffen, City of Magic, during the annual Festival of Magic. In order to win transport out of the city, Fenris has enrolled to compete in the arcane arena while the others look on anxiously. Let the games begin!

CITIZENS AND VISITORS! WELCOME TO THE OPENING OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED TOURNAMENT OF MAGIC!
HOORAY!

EVERY THREE YEARS, GEFFEN HOLDS ITS MAGIC FESTIVAL!
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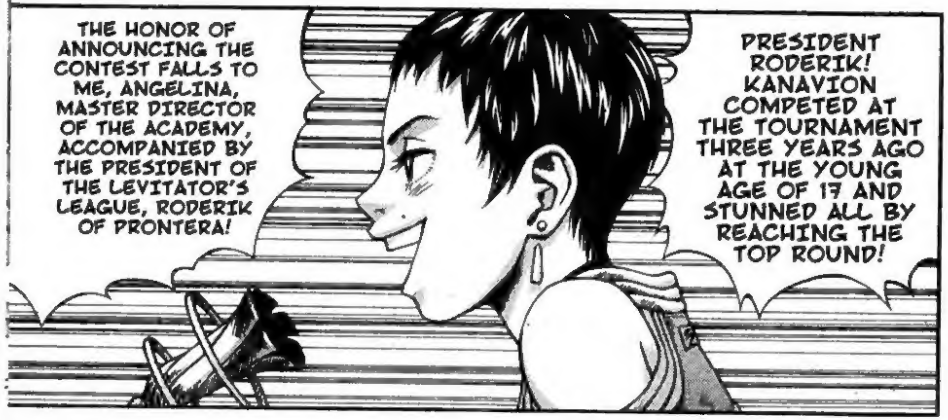
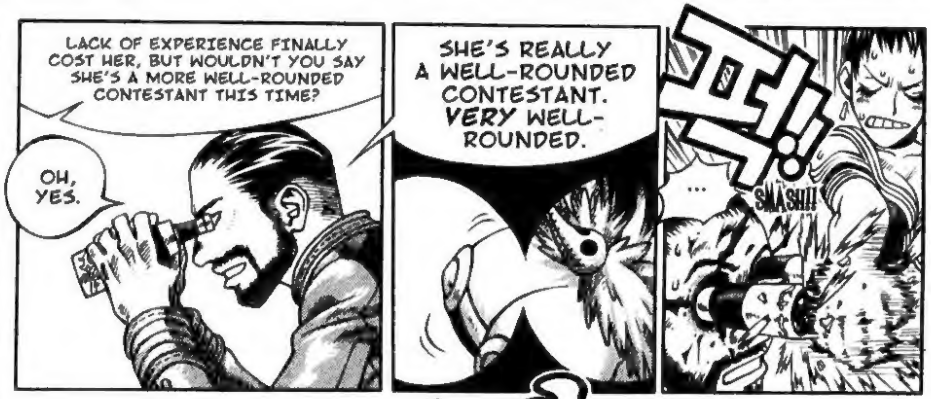
HOORAY
HOORAY
BOOOM
BOOM
OPENING THE FESTIVAL IS THE TOURNAMENT ITSELF!

HERE ARE YOUR FIRST CONTESTANTS!
IN BLUE CORNER --

A WARLOCK FROM FAR PRONTERA!! A MASTER MAGE GARBED IN GREEN!! FENRIS-- FENNNNNNRIR !!
HMMPH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

AHAHA!
BOOM
BOOM
AND IN RED CORNER!! FROM THE ANCIENT CITY OF ALTEVARAN, THE ALCHEMIST EXTRAORDINAIRE -- FAY KANAVION!! ACCOMPANIED BY HER GREATEST CREATION, THE GOLEM SKRYMIR!!!


THE HONOR OF ANNOUNCING THE CONTEST FALLS TO ME, ANGELINA, MASTER DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEVITATOR'S LEAGUE, RODERIK OF PRONTERA!
PRESIDENT RODERIK! KANAVION COMPETED AT THE TOURNAMENT THREE YEARS AGO AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 17 AND STUNNED ALL BY REACHING THE TOP ROUND!


LACK OF EXPERIENCE FINALLY COST HER, BUT WOULDN'T YOU SAY SHE'S A MORE WELL-ROUNDED CONTESTANT THIS TIME?
OH, YES.
SHE'S REALLY A WELL-ROUNDED CONTESTANT. VERY WELL-ROUNDED.
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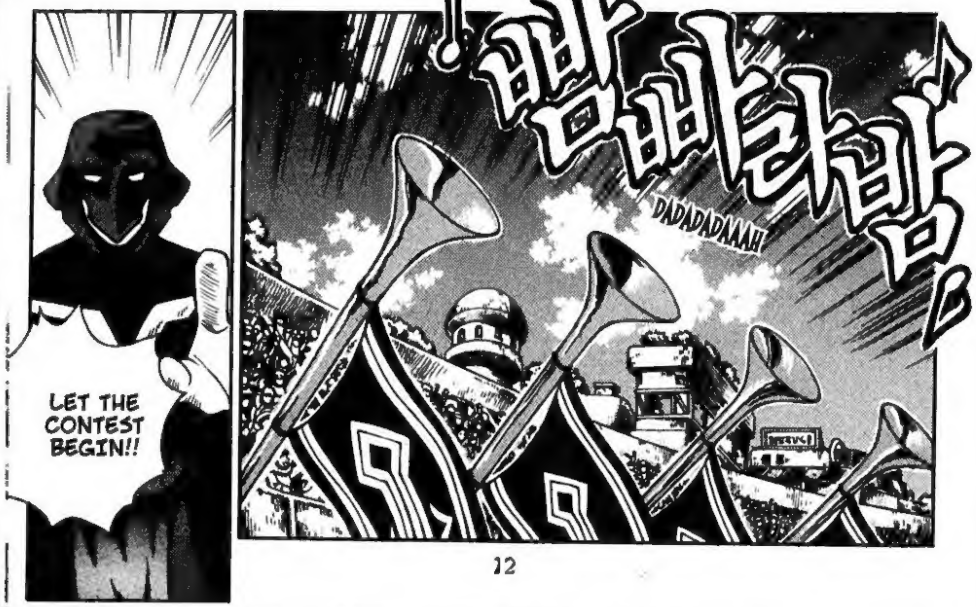
...
SMASH!!


LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!
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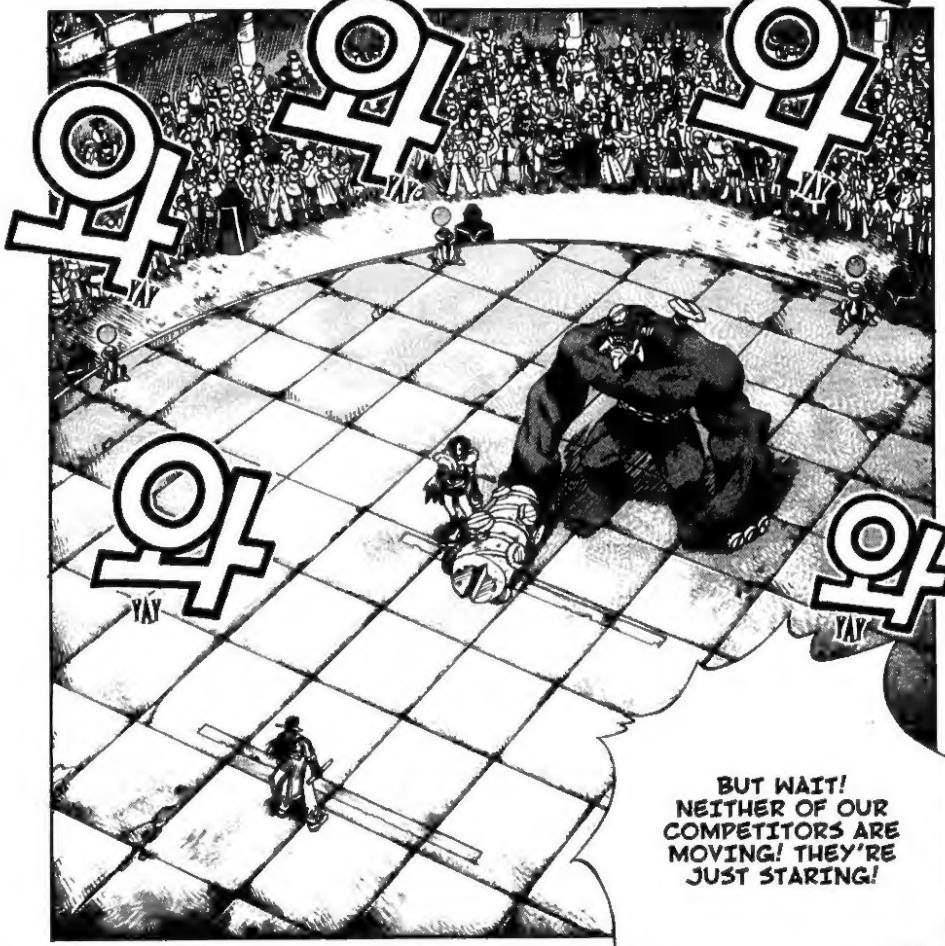
DADADADAAAH!

MR. PRESIDENT, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MR. PRESIDENT!
URGH!
THERE IT IS! THE TRUMPETS HAVE SOUNDED! THE BATTLE STARTS!
꽈!
YAAY!!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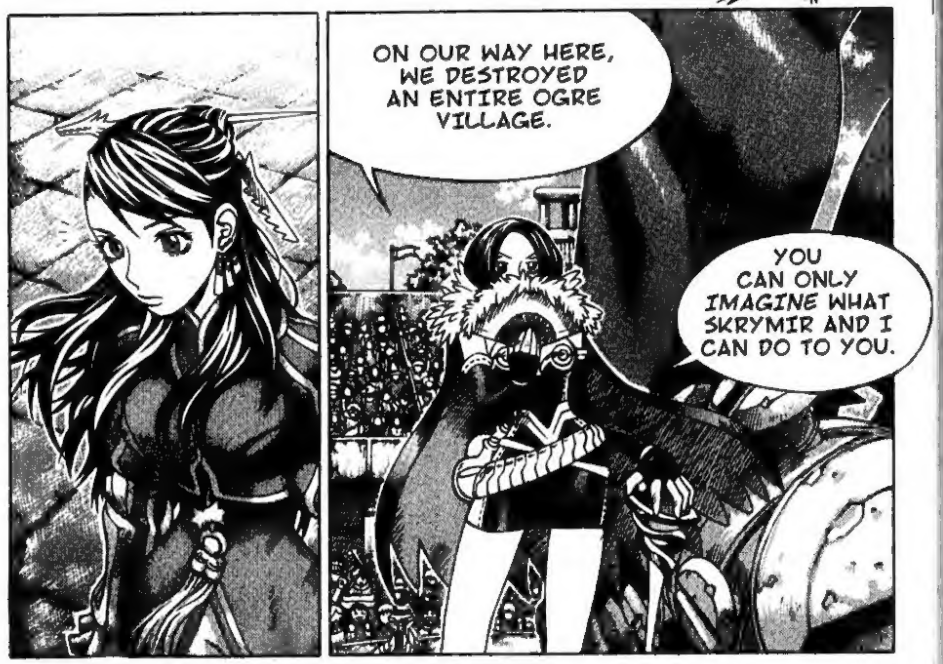
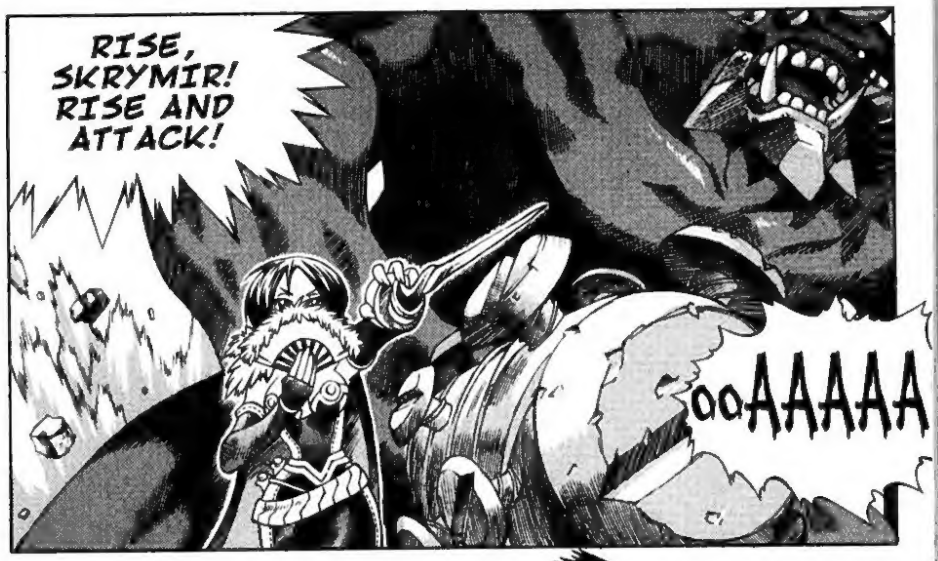
YAY
BUT WAIT! NEITHER OF OUR COMPETITORS ARE MOVING! THEY'RE JUST STARING!

PRESIDENT RODERIK!! IT'S SAID THAT FOR THIS TOURNAMENT THEY'VE TAKEN EXTRA PRECAUTIONS FOR THE AUDIENCE'S SAFETY...
HMM? YES, TRUE.
AT THE EDGE OF THE PLATFORM ARE MAGICAL SHIELDS CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING WHITE DRAGON FLAME, TWICE AS HOT AS RED!
ASTOUNDING!! BUT EXACTLY WHAT ARE THOSE SPHERES?
WHY, DRAGON SPHERES...
SUCH RARE ARTIFACTS JUST FOR THE CONTEST?
THE SKILLS OF THE COMPETITORS HAVE RISEN EACH TOURNAMENT. GEFFEN WISHES TO ENSURE THAT THE AUDIENCE IS SECURE.
BUT WAIT! ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS HAS FINALLY MOVED!
HMMPH.

FAY!
FAY!
FAY!
DO YOU HEAR THEM, MAGICIAN? DO YOU HEAR THEM CHEERING ME? BEST YOU LEAVE NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!


ON OUR WAY HERE, WE DESTROYED AN ENTIRE OGRE VILLAGE.
YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT SKRYMIR AND I CAN DO TO YOU.

IS THAT SO?
AN ENTIRE VILLAGE OF OGRES? IMPRESSIVE!
FAY
FAY
LOOKING AT YOUR CREATION, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THAT YOU DESTROYED THEM WITH ITS AWFUL STINK!
WHAT!!
SNAP!
YOU DARE MOCK ME?


RISE, SKRYMIR! RISE AND ATTACK!
OOAAAAA

FWOOM!!

?!?
YAY
YAY
GRAKLE
GRAKLE
A-AMAZING! NO SOONER DID THE ALCHEMIST GIVE THE COMMAND FOR HER CREATION TO ATTACK — THAN IT BLEW UP!
I-INCRED-IBLE!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT BUT A PILE OF ROTTING PARTS!
PRESIDENT RODERIK! DID FAY MISCAST?
NO! WHAT WE WITNESSED WAS A WORD OF POWER, ONE ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST THOSE OF LESSER LEVEL OF ABILITY...
A FASCINATING EXPLANATION, PRESIDENT!
YOU MUST KNOW THE EXACT LIMITATIONS OF YOUR OPPONENT OR YOU RISK DESTROYING YOURSELF! I'VE SEEN IT DONE ONLY ONCE!
NOW WOULD YOU STOP STARING AT HER BREASTS?
...

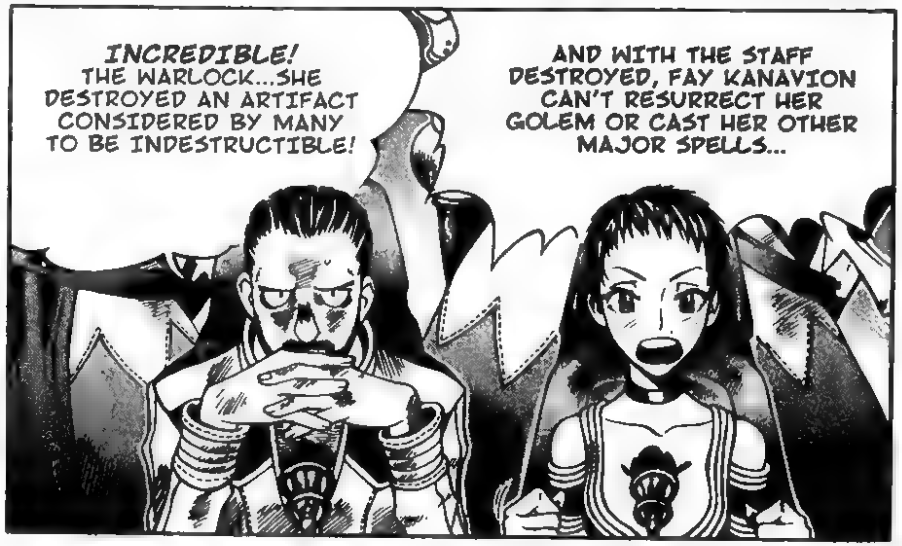
A WORD OF POWER! A FIRST FOR THE TOURNAMENT, CITIZENS AND VISITORS!
MR. PRESIDENT, HERE.
HM?
WAIT! CITIZENS AND VISITORS! THIS MESSAGE EXPLAINS MUCH!
UNBELIEVABLE!
FENRIS FENRIR, CONTESTANT IN BLUE CORNER...
WHO?!
...IS ONE OF THE HEROES WHO FOUGHT THE UNDEAD IN PRONTERA! THIS WAS RELAYED IN A MESSAGE FROM AN OLD FRIEND...
OOMPH
UMPH
OOMPH
EH?

HMMPH!! CLEVER BUT FUTILE!! I COMMAND THE PROMETHEUS STAFF, CAPABLE OF FORMING LIFE...
WITH IT, I CAN RECREATE MY GOLEM!
BEHOLD YOUR DOOM!!
WATCH AS HE RISES AGAIN!!
SHRAAK
SHRAAK
RRUMBLE
HISS
COME, SKRYMIR! RISE UP!
AHAHAHA
HISSS

NOT QUITE WHAT I EXPECTED, BUT -- ATTACK!!
RRRARGH
WOOH!!

THAT'S... NOT... FAIR...
THWAK

MY STAFF
NO
THE STONE
DESTROYED ...
NO...
SHE CAN'T...
THE PROMETHEUS STAFF...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
SHE DESTROYED IT
NOOOO


INCREDIBLE! THE WARLOCK...SHE DESTROYED AN ARTIFACT CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE INDESTRUCTIBLE!
AND WITH THE STAFF DESTROYED, FAY KANAVION CAN'T RESURRECT HER GOLEM OR CAST HER OTHER MAJOR SPELLS...

SHALL WE CONTINUE?
N-NO...
GASP
GASP

AND SO THERE IT IS! APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE, OUR FIRST VICTOR!
THE EXTRAORDINARY, THE POWERFUL, THE DEADLY-- FENRIS FENRIR!
FENRIS
WAA! MY STAFF!
SIGH....

WHEW.
FENRIS!! YOU DID IT!!
FENRIS
FENRIS
IT WASN'T TOO MUCH?
NO! NO! YOU DID WONDERFULLY!! WONDERFULLY!
SHE WIELDS WORDS OF POWER I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH HER
WELL, CITIZENS AND VISITORS!! IT SEEMS THAT THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING EVER!!
OUR NEXT ROUND WILL BEGIN IN 10 MINUTES, JUST AS SOON AS THE FIELD HAS BEEN CLEARED!!
EXIT
YAY
DON'T LEAVE YOUR SEATS! THINGS CAN ONLY GET MORE WILD FROM HERE!

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IN TO THE ABYSS

I THINK I WENT TOO FAR.
I WAS TOO FLASHY.

YOU KIDDING? YOU DID A GREAT JOB.
CHAOS...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN HARM YOUR OPPONENT. STOP WORRYING!
IF IT'D BEEN ME, I WOULD'VE BEEN LESS KIND!
THAT GIRL DESERVED WHAT SHE GOT!

BESIDES!! IT'S JUST A COMPETITION!
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT EVERYTHING!! YOU'RE TOO KIND-HEARTED. TRY TO FORGET IT.
WHAT?

I'LL TRY TO, CHAOS!!
GREAT!! AND SINCE YOU HAVE TO COMPETE ANYWAY, MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO WIN WITH STYLE!
반짝 SPARKLE 반짝 SPARKLE
잘 놀았다

와아
HOORAY
와아
HOORAY
와아
HOORAY
WOW! THIS CROWD IS REALLY EXCITED! I'LL BET THEY HARDLY NOTICE THE PEOPLE NEXT TO THEM!
JUST THE PERFECT ATMOSPHERE TO WORK IN, EH?
GIL-CHING
ABSOLUTELY PERFECT.

BLADES OF FLAME!!
AAAUGH!
AND THE WINNER OF THE 29TH ROUND, GUSTAF THE MAGICIAN!!
와아
HOORAY
HUH? HEY! ISN'T HE THE ONE WHO GAVE US DIRECTIONS EARLIER?
THWOOM

LIDIA!! LOOK!!
HMM?
THE 30TH ROUND WILL BEGIN SHORTLY!! AFTER THAT...
...THERE'LL BE A 90-MINUTE PAUSE FOR MIDDAY MEAL!
NOW WHERE DID SHE GO? IT'S ALMOST TIME TO EAT!
SHE MUST HAVE HAD AN IMPORTANT MATTER
BUT LIDIA HAS OUR MONEY! WE CAN'T EAT WITHOUT HER!
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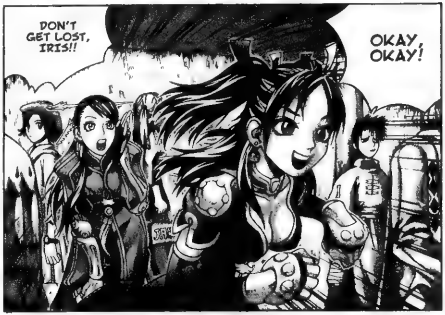
BOLT OF THOR!!
GGAAAA!
AND THE WINNER OF THE 30TH ROUND IS REBECCA VERNENE!!
MY LORD
HMM
AND SO ENDS THE FIRST HALF OF TODAY'S COMPETITION!!
THE VICEROY HAS GIVEN THE SIGNAL TO SUSPEND IT UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON!

AFTER MIDDAY MEAL...
RUMBLE
...THE TOURNAMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY RESUME!!
CITIZENS AND VISITORS, PLEASE UPHOLD YOUR DIGNITY AS WOMEN AND MEN OF MAGIC AND EXIT THE STADIUM IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.
WHEN RETURNING TO YOUR SEATS, PLAN FOR A DELAY OF SEVERAL MINUTES.
FOR THOSE WISHING TO REMAIN, SPECIAL MEALS WILL BE SOLD BY VENDORS!

OUR SPECIAL TODAY! MAGIC TOURNAMENT LUNCH BOXES!! ONLY 5 ZENY AND 500 RUPEES!!
OH, NO!! IT'S ALREADY LUNCH TIME!
WHERE CAN LIDIA BE?
AHA.
GROO!!

HA! THERE SHE IS!!
EVER INDUSTRIOUS, OUR LIDIA...
YOU SEE HER? WHERE?
DON'T WORRY!! I'LL GO GET HER!!


DON'T GET LOST, IRIS!!
OKAY, OKAY!

왕성
왕성
와글
와글
우다다
WHOLE
WHOLE
GAP
GAP
WHOLE

EXCUSE ME. MAY I PASS?
SO SORRY.

샤
WHOLE

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SHE'S GONE!!
BUT... WHERE...
GAP
WHOLE

AHA!

LIDIA--!! HEY--!! LIDIA!
OVER HERE, IDIOT!!

URK! IS SHE DEAF?
아악!!
AAAAAA

I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE CALL YOUR NAME.
MEOW
MINE? COULDN'T BE!

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HAFF
HAFF
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ARRR!! JUST WAIT'LL I CATCH YOU!
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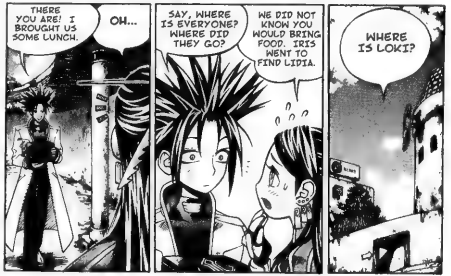
HAFF


THERE YOU ARE! I BROUGHT US SOME LUNCH.
OH...
SAY, WHERE IS EVERYONE? WHERE DID THEY GO?
WE DID NOT KNOW YOU WOULD BRING FOOD. IRIS WENT TO FIND LIDIA.
WHERE IS LOKI?

LOKI? RIGHT BEHIND ME WITH THE REST OF THE LUNCHES...
OH?

EH?

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MAGIC ITEM
CARA

HER! FROM THE INN!!

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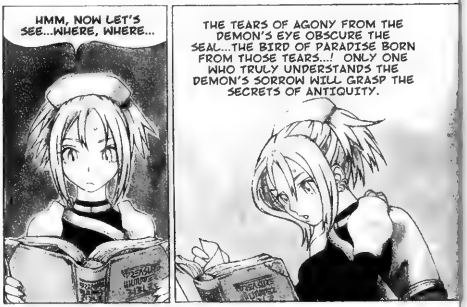
IN TO THE ABYSS

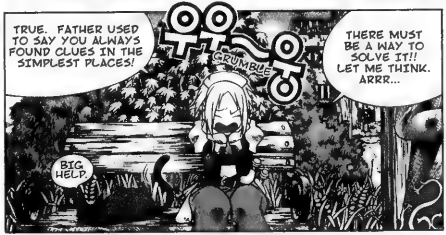

HMM, NOW LET'S SEE...WHERE, WHERE...
THE TEARS OF AGONY FROM THE DEMON'S EYE OBSCURE THE SEAL...THE BIRD OF PARADISE BORN FROM THOSE TEARS...! ONLY ONE WHO TRULY UNDERSTANDS THE DEMON'S SORROW WILL GRASP THE SECRETS OF ANTIQUITY.

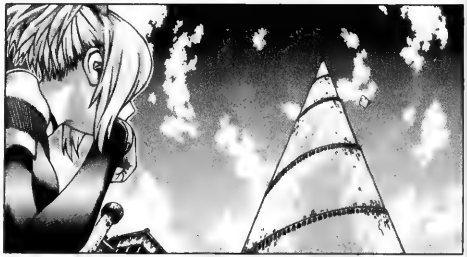
AND DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW TO DECIPHER THAT?
HMMPH! OF COURSE I--

NOT REALLY...
THOUGHT SO.
GROAN

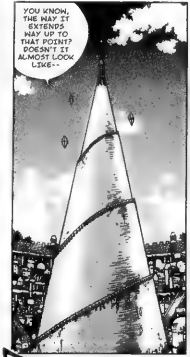
IT MUST BE REFERRING TO THE ANCIENT GATES OF ALFHEIM.
BUT WHERE ARE THEY?

WE NEED TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
THE TEARS OF AGONY FROM THE DEMON'S EYE OBSCURE THE SEAL... SHEESH! IF THEY WERE GOING TO WRITE IT DOWN, WHY COULDN'T THEY BE CLEAR?!!
IF THEY HAD, SOMEONE ELSE WOULD HAVE FOUND IT BY NOW!!
SIGH...


TRUE. FATHER USED TO SAY YOU ALWAYS FOUND CLUES IN THE SIMPLEST PLACES!
CRUMBLE
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SOLVE IT!! LET ME THINK. ARRR...
BIG HELP



SIGH.. YOU KNOW, THAT TOWER THERE SURE IS TALL. I WONDER WHY THEY BUILT IT SO TALL?
IS THAT WHERE THE MAGIC ACADEMY IS LOCATED?
SAY, LIDIA... THAT TOWER...
DON'T YOU THINK IT LOOKS OUT OF PLACE?


YOU KNOW, THE WAY IT EXTENDS WAY UP TO THAT POINT? DOESN'T IT ALMOST LOOK LIKE--

A "HORN"?
LIKE THE HORN OF A UNICORN?

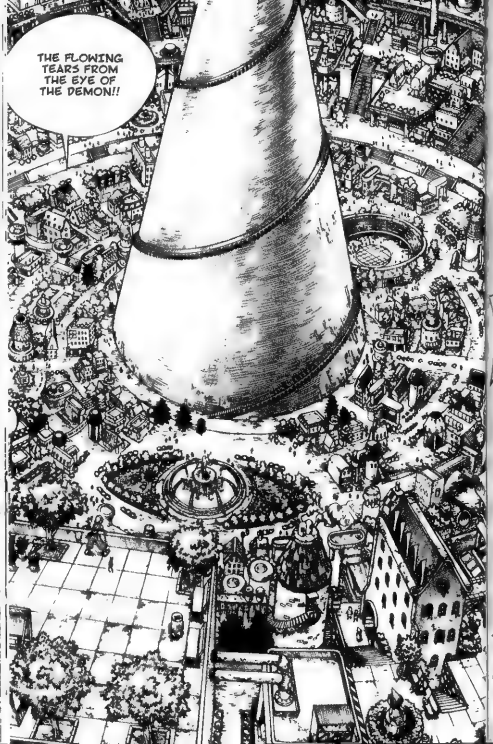
HORN!
THE CLUE IS ALWAYS RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES!!
UNICORN!
YOU'RE ABOUT SILLY LASS

THAT'S IT!!
SLAM!
SES!
WHMMH?!
YOU'RE A GENIUS! A GENIUS!
SNARF!
YECCH!
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING FOR?
AH!! THAT SHOULD BE HEIGH ENOUGH!

URRK
NO TIME TO LOSE!! HURRY HURRY!!
WHOOSH
ALMOST THERE!! JUST A LITTLE FARTHER!!
WHY ME?
THIS SHOULD DO IT!!
NOW HOLD ON!
WHY ARE WE RUSHING UP HERE?

JUST BE QUIET AND LEAVE THINGS TO ME!!
EXCUSE ME!! IN A BIT OF A HURRY HERE!!
EEEK!
HUFF
HUFF

THIS IS A ROOF, LIDIA! WHY A ROOF?
TOUCH
WOW!


THE FLOWING TEARS FROM THE EYE OF THE DEMON!!

IT'S THAT FOUNTAIN!
YOU SEE IT? THE DEMON'S EYE?
AHA! HIO!
THAT MEANS--

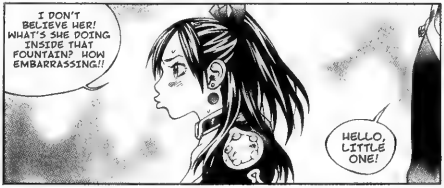
WHOOSH
COME ON!!
NOT AGAIN!!

THERE!
GRASP
사아아아

CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN STANDING RIGHT HERE ALL THIS TIME!!
DON'T BE A BABY!
AAACK!
HA!
HERE IT IS!!
UGH! A FOUNTAIN? BUT I CAN'T STAND WATER!
THE BIRD OF PARADISE BORN FROM THE TEARS OF THE DEMON!!
사아아아
BACK
첨벙
첨벙

ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS INSERT THIS IN THE GROOVE!!
B-BUT WHAT IF I LOSE THIS JEWEL IN THE PROCESS?
SNIFF SNIFF
와앙~
타

WELL!!


I DON'T BELIEVE HER! WHAT'S SHE DOING INSIDE THAT FOUNTAIN? HOW EMBARRASSING!!
HELLO, LITTLE ONE!

HOW IS CHAOS?
WHAT?!!
THUMP
HK!!
C-CHAOS--

I WARNED YOU TO LEAVE THIS PLACE...
GURGLE
GURGLE
BUT YOU HUMANS HAVE NEITHER THE EARS NOR THE INTELLECT TO HEED WARNINGS.
RAR
PLEASE DROP THAT JEWEL AND SLOWLY STEP BACK!
CRAK!

"DROP THAT JEWEL."? DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?
IF YOU DID, YOU'D KNOW MY ANSWER IS "I DON'T THINK SO"!!
THEN THIS SHAFT WILL PIERCE YOUR HEART...
FIRE IT--
--AND THE MOMENT SHE DIES, SO WILL YOU.

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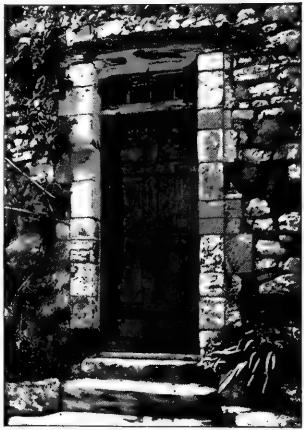


HIM...
I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
SO KINDLY LAY DOWN YOUR BOW OR ELSE.
JUST LOOK AT HIM! WOW!! HE'S SO AWESOME!
FLUTTER
GROAN...

NEVER!!
THWIP
KWANG
!
CHOSSH

ZAS!

!!
GURGLE

SPLOOSH

SPLAT!

FWWOOSH

HMMPH.
THUNDER OF ODIN!!
FWWOOSH
THWUK
THWUK
THWUK

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

SHRRUAAK

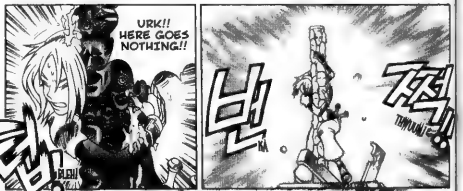
AHHH...MY PRINCE HAS COME TO MY RESCUE...
I WONDER WHY HE'S HOLDING LUNCH BOXES?
AHEM
OH, PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
SOB
AHEM... LIDIA?
IF YOU GET HURT, I'LL JUST DIE...
LIDIAAA..
OUCH! OUCH! OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!
MMM MPH!
CRUMP
STUCK!

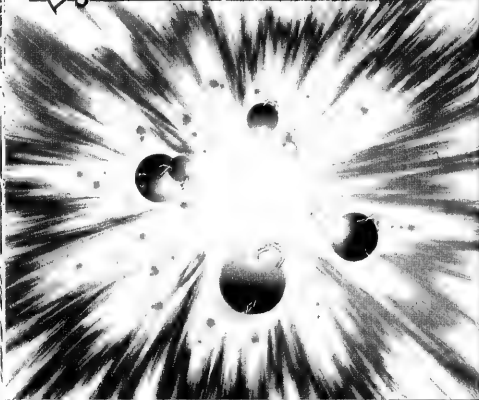
HEY, ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU BIT ME!
SHEESH!!
HISSS!!
LOOK AT YOURSELF!!!
GROWL!!
YOU'RE STANDING THERE ALL STARRY-EYED!!!
NOW IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!! SET THE JEWEL IN PLACE!!
MY FATHER'S JEWEL...THE LAST LEGACY OF HIS OWN QUEST...
I OWE IT TO HIM TO FIND ALFHEIM'S TREASURE AT ALL COSTS!!

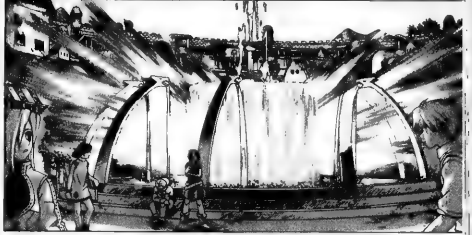
ALFHEIM'S TREASURE
YUK!
ALL RIGHT, JEWEL!! DO YOUR THING!!!
NO!!

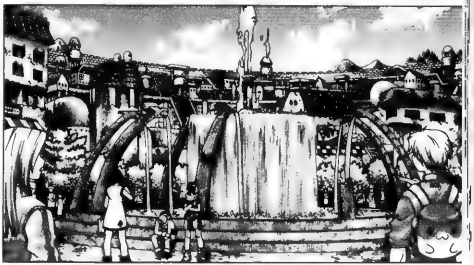
HUH?

EW! GROSS


URK!! HERE GOES NOTHING!!
BLAM!
TAMAMA!





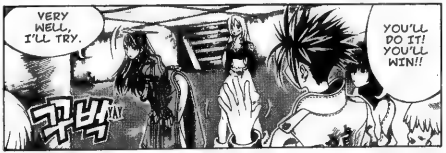


DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
WHAT WAS THAT?
BOVA SOUTH

!
CIIIZENS AND VISITORS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEATS!! THE TOURNAMENT IS ABOUT TO RESUME!
WE SHALL BEGIN WITH A CONGRATULATORY SPEECH BY THE VICEROY--
UH...THAT IS...WHERE IS THE VICEROY?

WHISPER
HMM?
THE VICEROY HAS BEEN DETAINED. IN HIS ABSENCE, WE WILL BE CONTINUING WITH THE TOURNAMENT!!
HOORAY!
ALL PARTICIPATING CONTESTANTS!! PLEASE PROCEED TO THE DESIGNATED AREA!!
OH!

WHAT DO WE DO, CHAOS?
I'LL GO AND LOOK FOR THEM. YOU JUST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.


VERY WELL, I'LL TRY.
YOU'LL DO IT! YOU'LL WIN!!

GOOD LUCK, FENRIS! YOU'LL DO IT! YOU WILL!
UMMP!
HEH!
EXCUSE ME...

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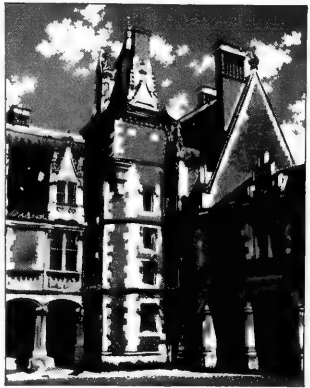


NO!!
FWOOSH
LIDIA! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
UH-OH

YIKES! WHERE ARE WE?
NO!! SHE'S OPENED THE PORTAL!!
WAIT!!
WHOOSH!

.....!!
YIIIIIIII...
NO! WE'RE FALLING INTO ANOTHER PORTAL!!
AAAAUGH...
THE OPENING!! IT'S GROWING!

THWOOSH!

YAAAA!!
SFOOSH!

CRAK!
OOOCH!
ACK!
SMAD!
OW!
CRUNCH!
OOF!
THWAK!

URRRRGH...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
GASP!
GASP!
MY PRINCE!!

WELL, IT APPEARS YOU'RE FINE.
HMPH!

BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM.
THIS IS A VERY STRANGE PLACE, INDEED.

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE FOUND IT!
ALFHEIM! I'VE FOUND THE LEGENDARY KINGDOM!
AHAHAHAHA!!

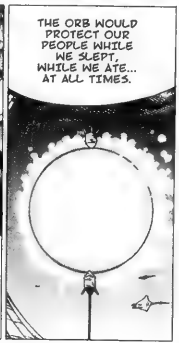
DO YOU SEE ME, FATHER? I'VE DONE IT!!
EVERY TREASURE HUNTER'S DREAM! ALFHEIM!!

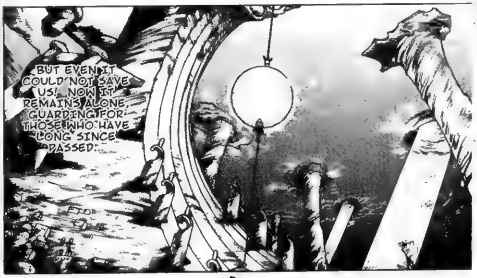
GASP! YOU!!
I WOULD NOT CELEBRATE SO SOON, HUMAN.
LOOK. THE ORB OF VANAR IS ALREADY STIRRING TO OUR PRESENCE.
THIS IS NOT SOME SIMPLE TREASURE HUNT.

WE SHOULD NOT BE INTRUDING HERE. THIS IS A FORBIDDEN PLACE. IT WAS SEALED LONG AGO, CUT OFF FROM MIDGARD.
WE HAVE BUT ONE CHANCE! WE MUST STOP THE ORB FROM ACTING!!

WHAT IS THE ORB?!

THE ORB IS THE AGGREGATE WILL OF THE ANCIENT ELVES.
IT WAS CREATED BY OUR GREATEST SAGE, VANAR. HE SAW THE END COMING AND WANTED TO SAVE OUR WORLD.


THE ORB WOULD PROTECT OUR PEOPLE WHILE WE SLEPT. WHILE WE ATE... AT ALL TIMES.


BUT EVEN IT COULD NOT SAVE US. NOW IT REMAINS ALONE, GUARDING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED...

GUARDING? JUST WHAT'S IT GUARDING?
YOU SAID IT WAS REACTING TO OUR ARRIVAL.

YES. WE ARE ON HOLY GROUND. FOR THAT SACRILEGE, IT WILL DESTROY US!

OUT OF MY WAY!!
OOOMPH
HEY
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
龍飛

HEY!!
CRASH
THUD
SORRY!!
龍飛

UH-OH

YAA!!

AAH, MY DEAR CHAOS... HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
GASP!

EEEK!!
I-I'M SORRY!
YOU DO REMEMBER DON'T YOU? PRONTERA... FEYON... YOU REMEMBER SKURAI...

I'LL CRUSH HIM!!
DID YOU SEE THAT? HE NEARLY KILLED OUR GRANDMOTHER!
SHOOT!
I'M KITTY, ANOTHER FRIEND FROM FEYON. A LITTLE DAMSEL CALLED IRIS...
YOU! HOLD IT!!
YOU NEED TO LEARN SOME MANNERS!!
SHE REALLY WANTS TO SEE YOU SO DO IT ALONE...

IF YOU BRING ANYONE ELSE OR DAWDLE... WELL... IRIS WILL NOT BE HAPPY...
DAMN YOU!!

IRIS !!

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OUR ONLY CHANCE TO STOP THE ORB IS TO FOLLOW THE PATH LEADING INTO THE RUINS...

HUNH! FIRST YOU WANT TO KILL US, THEN YOU WANT US TO WORK WITH YOU!
YOU'VE SOME NERVE!!
I WISH TO SURVIVE. I ASSUME THAT YOU DO, TOO. THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
AND MY EARLIER ATTACKS WERE PURELY FOR SHOW. I SOUGHT TO WARN YOU.

YOUR SUGGESTION MAKES SENSE.
HMM! I WOULDN'T TRUST HER ONE BIT!

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER FOR NOW. WE KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.
IF EITHER OF US BETRAYS THE OTHER, WE DEAL WITH IT THEN.

THIS WAY.

URGH...

WHAT? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT WE HAVE TO CROSS THIS?
CREAK
UNH-UH...
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY. WITHOUT A MAGE, HE CANNOT FLY OVER. YOU COULD REMAIN HERE IF YOU LIKE...
BUT-- I CAN'T CROSS THAT !!
GASP
ARE YOU-- UM-- CERTAIN THAT THERE ISN'T ANOTHER WAY?
SOMETHING LESS.. ROTTEN AND CRUMBLING?

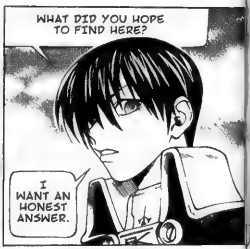
YOU WAIT HERE. I'LL GO ALONE.
GASP
YOU WILL? REALLY?!
GASP
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO STAY HERE. YOU'LL ONLY ENDANGER US.
WHAT? HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!!
I WAS ONLY CONCERNED FOR EVERYONE THAT BRIDGE IS DANGEROUS!
SHAKE
SHAKE
REGARDLESS, WE MUST CROSS.
WELL, LISTEN! IF YOU FALL AND DIE, IT'S NOT MY FAULT

UuUH --.
SHIT!
YOINK!

ALL RIGHT! HOLD ON!! I'M COMING!
WE'RE GOING TO DIE. WE'RE GOING TO DIE...
GASP
GASP
GASP
YEOW!
!

UM, LOKI? WHY ARE YOU STILL CARRYING THOSE LUNCHES AROUND?
THAT IS MY BUSINESS.
OH...SURE... THAT MAKES SENSE...

HUH?
HEY.


WHAT DID YOU HOPE TO FIND HERE?
I WANT AN HONEST ANSWER.

WELL...UH...

I'M A STUDENT OF HISTORY! ALFHEIM IS THE GREATEST POSSIBLE FIND EVER! SCHOLARS FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD WILL COME HERE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST--
우!
우!

PATHETIC!!

TELL THE TRUTH!! TELL HIM YOU WANT THE RICHES OF ANCIENT ALFHEIM FOR YOURSELF!

SUCH ARROGANCE!!
YOU HUMANS!
YOU ARE ALL NOTHING BUT ANIMALS DRESSED UP AND PRETENDING TO BE BETTER THAN YOU ARE!!
WHEN YOU HUMANS WERE CRAWLING INTO CAVES, PICKING FLEAS OFF YOUR FURRY HIDES, WE ELVES FED YOU--TAUGHT YOU LANGUAGE AND SURVIVAL!!

THEN PROSPERITY AND PEACE MADE US CARELESS, TRUSTING...
AT WHICH POINT YOU HUMANS INVADED AND CRUSHED OUR REALM!!
WITH THE DWARVES, YOU RAVAGED OUR LAND!
YOU BETRAYED AND KILLED THOSE WHO TAUGHT YOU TO SURVIVE.
THE SURVIVORS WERE FORCED FROM ALFHEIM, SPREAD THROUGHOUT MIDGARD!!
NOW YOU COME TO STEAL THE LEGACY OF MY PEOPLE!
YOU NEVER CHANGE! IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD! YOU TAKE AND TAKE!
AND IF ANYONE GETS IN YOUR WAY, YOU KILL THEM AND STEAL FROM THEIR CORPSE!

HUMPH!!
BIG TALK! THAT WAS THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO!
BESIDES, THE ELVES WEREN'T EXACTLY ANGELIC, FROM WHAT I READ!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? MAKE UP FOR THE PAST?
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TO JUMP OFF THIS BRIDGE? WOULD THAT DO IT?
CAW
CAW
CAW
WOULD THAT--- AACK!

AAHH!!
GET DOWN!!
MOMMY!
THUNK!

CAW
CAW
CAW
CAW
CRASH
RAAWK
WHA--
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?
!

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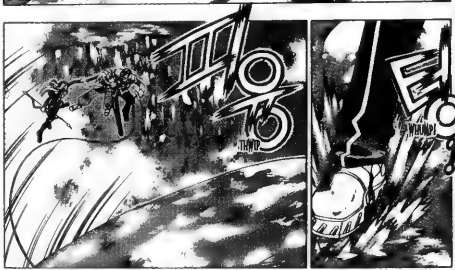
TAKE THIS.
HUH?
THOSE BIRDS! THE GRENDEL WAS HUNTING THEM!! NO WONDER THEY PANICKED SO!
WOOSH
SNAP

WOOSH
THWUMP
YAA!
CHAP

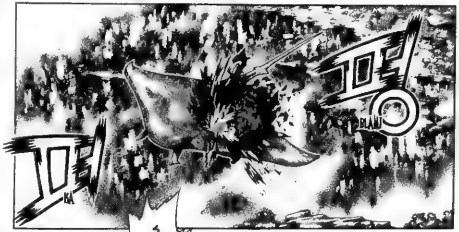
OH!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GRAB HOLD!!

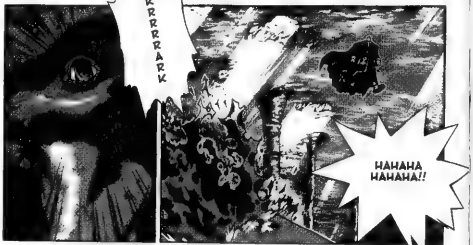

THWP
WHAMP!

OOOCH... I THINK MY ARMS'RE BROKEN...
.....

THIS IS PERFECT.

BOOM!
WE CAN CONTINUE OUR QUEST USING THE GRENDEL.


BLAM!


SKRRRRARK
HAHAHA HAHAHA!!

YOU! THE VICEROY!

THANK YOU FOR FINDING FOR ME LEGENDARY ALFHEIM...
AHAHAHA
AS YOUR REWARD, I SHALL KILL YOU ALL VERY QUICKLY.

WHEW.
THIS MUST BE IT. THE ACADEMY OF MAGIC...
I DON'T KNOW WHY SKURAI PICKED HERE...

BUT I'M SURE TO FIND OUT WHEN I GET INSIDE.
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
HAFF
HAFF
HAFF
YOU THERE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SORRY! NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
SWIP
UNGH!!
ATTACK!

SORRY! NOTHING PERSONAL.
OW... YEAH...
HEY! WAKE UP!! I NEED TO FIND THE WAY TO THE LIBRARY! WAKE UP!

TH-THROUGH THAT DOOR, TH-THE OUTSIDE STAIRS... UP...
EH?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HALT!!
YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP NOW.
WHAT

INTRUDER!!
UH-OH!
HE'S HEADING UP!!
AFTER HIM!
THIS IS A PLACE OF LEARNING! WHY ALL THE GUARDS?
CLANG
CLANG
HEY! I ONLY WANTED TO FIND THE LIBRARY! NOTHING ELSE!
ACK!!
THWOOM
THWOOM
CATCH HIM!!
THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL ME!!
THIS MAKES NO SENSE! I COULD UNDERSTAND MAYBE ARRESTING ME, BUT KILLING ME?
ALL RIGHT!! THAT'S IT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!!
LOOK OUT! HE'S DRAWING HIS SWORD!!
RESISTANCE IS USELESS!!

DRAGON--
SKRRRRAAR
STRIKE!!

YAAA!
BAM
BAM
WITH THE STAIRS DESTROYED, THAT SHOULD BUY ME SOME TIME!

HALT!
HE'S OVER THERE! STOP HIM!!
EVERY SECOND LEAVES IRIS IN MORE-- HUH?
STOP!!
HE'S DESTROYED THE OTHER STAIRS!!
DAMN!!

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AND SO WE CONTINUE WITH THE TRIENNIAL TOURNAMENT OF MAGIC!! THE QUESTION IS...CAN ANYONE DEFEAT FENRIS FENRIR?

HOW EMBARRASSING! SUCH SPECTACLE!
IF WE DIDN'T NEED TRANSPOR-TATION....
HMM...
CHAOS IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.
I HOPE NOTHING'S HAPPENED. I WONDER IF I SHOULD CONTINUE THE CONTEST OR SHOULD I DELAY MATTERS...

HM?
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL!
YOU SHOULD LEARN TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY OF YOUR BETTERS...
IN YOUR CASE, EVERYONE.
HOW DARE YOU?
HEEHEE! YOU RATTLE EASY. THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR CONTEST FUN!
I LOOK FORWARD TO CRUSHING YOU.

!
HAH!!
GACK!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM

YAAA!!

UGH!! NOOO!!
WHERE IS HE?
OVER THAT WAY, I THINK!!
OH, NO!
DAMN!

NOW WHERE AM I? THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE AROUND HERE...
BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF IT!
CLIK

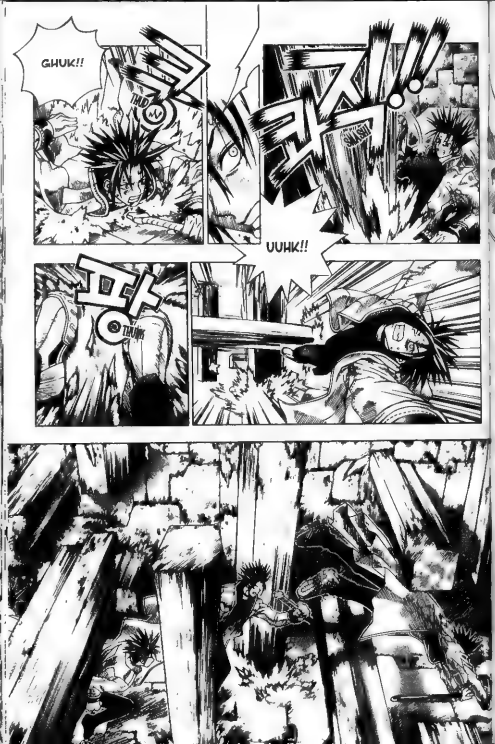
DID I TAKE A WRONG TURN SOMEWHERE?
BUT THE TOWER NARROWS NEAR THE TOP. I COULDN'T HAVE.
MAYBE THE GUARD LIED--
SSSH!

OOMPH!!
WHAM
POW

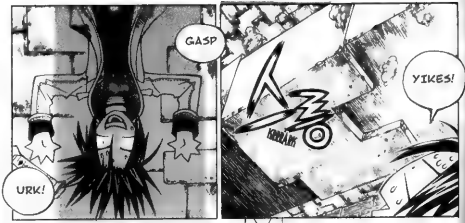
UNGH

THUMP

...!!
BAM


GHUK!!
THUD
UUHK!!
THUNK

WHEW!!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT KIND OF AN ACADEMY IS THIS?!
UH-OH.
KOOSH!
OOMPH!


GASP
URK!
YIKES!
KRRAAH

YAAAA!!
THOOM

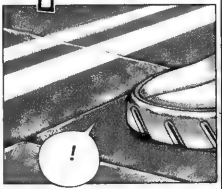
URGH!
TH
TH
TH
TH
WOLO
RA DOOM

KWAN
KWAN
KWAN
KWAN
BOOM
BOOM

TH
CLAN
CLAN
CLAN

UGH.
DAMN...
GRAB
PAT
PAT
PAT

THEY'RE TRYING TO HIDE SOME-THING...
BOOOM!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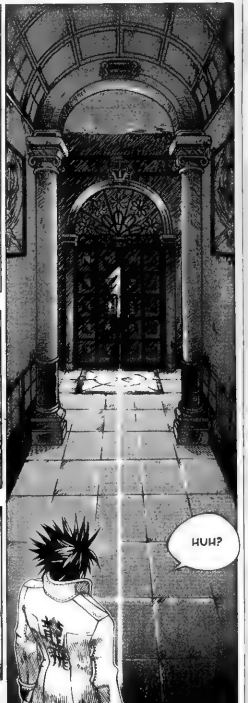
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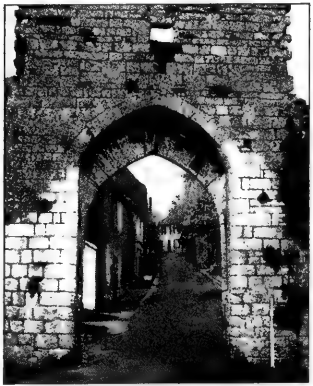
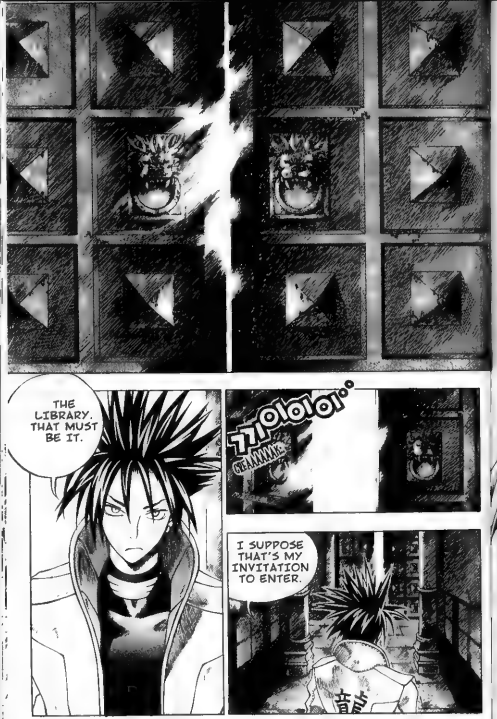
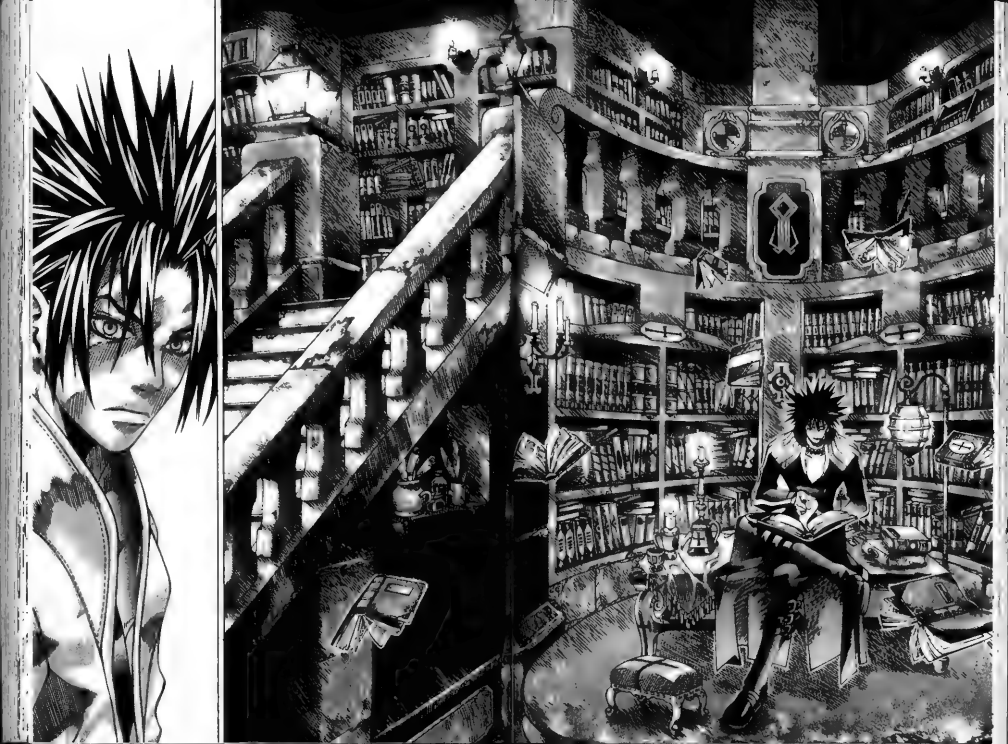



WELL, NO SENSE WAITING. IRIS IS IN THERE.
철
SCREE
끼이이이이
GRAAAAK
HMM...
끼이이이이
GRAAAAK
HERE GOES!!
THE LIBRARY. THAT MUST BE IT.
끼이이이이
GRAAAAK
I SUPPOSE THAT'S MY INVITATION TO ENTER.

SCT
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK

WHEW...
FLAP
FLAP
HM. WELL, THIS MUST BE THE LIBRARY.
HUH?
FLAP
FLAP
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
THWD
THWD
THWD
THWD



AHH, YOU'VE FINALLY ARRIVED, LITTLE KNIGHT.
I THOUGHT I'D TRY READING WHILE I WAITED. I'M NOT ACCUSTOMED TO WAITING.
ALL RIGHT, SKURAI...

WHERE'S IRIS?
AHAHA! SO DIRECT. THERE'S REALLY NO RUSH, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...
SHALL WE HAVE A LITTLE FUN FIRST?
AHAHA

DAMN YOU!! I ASKED YOU WHERE IRIS IS!!
SWAG
TWANG
CLICK

AND I TOLD YOU...
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH...
FLUSH

IRIS!!
DURING MY READING, I DISCOVERED MUCH ABOUT THIS TOWER!
IT HAS A WONDERFUL HISTORY FILLED WITH TALES OF POWER AND LUST!!
POWERFUL PEOPLE WERE KILLED HERE. DARK MAGIC WAS CAST HERE.
AND AT ONE TIME, IT EVEN SERVED AS A JAIL.
MORE RECENTLY, IT SERVED AS A MEETING PLACE FOR A DARK COVEN.

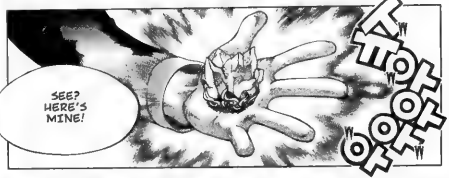
I THOUGHT I'D ADD A NEW CHAPTER. A NEW TWIST TO ITS HISTORY.
SO, I PREPARED A GAME FOR US.

SLOWLY THOSE FLOATING PIECES OF STONE WILL ATTACH THEMSELVES TO THE GIRL
EACH WILL FUSE WITH HER BODY. WHEN THE STONES HAVE COMPLETELY COVERED HER...
...SHE AND THEY WILL BECOME ONE. FOREVER AND EVER...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DO YOU LIKE MY LITTLE GAME?

DAMN YOU!!
HAHAHA! TOO LATE! MUCH TOO LATE!
CLANG

BESIDES, YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE REST!
I'VE NOT EXPLAINED ABOUT THE KEY STONE!

KEY STONE?
YOU MEAN THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A KEY STONE IS? AMAZING.


SEE? HERE'S MINE!
HAHAHA

IF YOU DESTROY THE STONE BEFORE THE SPELL IS COMPLETE...
YOU SAVE THE GIRL.

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RIAS
RIAS
RIAS
UNGH...

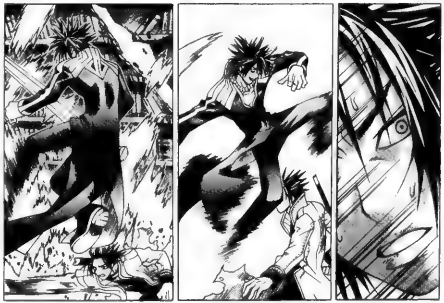
SKURAI!!

BLANG
AHAHAHA!!
龍飛
KAIRAKU!!

AHAHAHA!!
KATHWWOOM!!

HEHEHEHEH!
CLANG
CLANG
HAHAHAHAHAHA!

ガコッ!!



WHACK!
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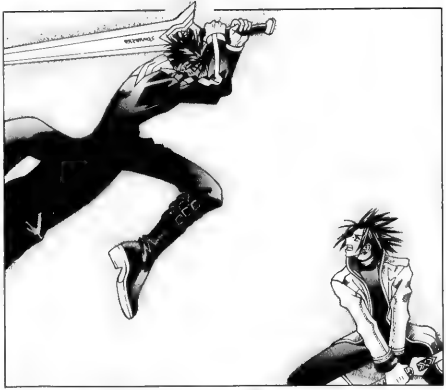
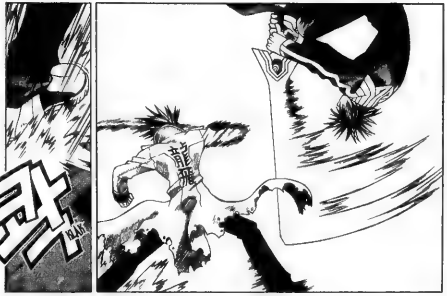
BLAM
AAARGH!
WHAM

SMITH!!!
...!!
OOMPH!!
AHAHAHA! YES!!
SUCH FUN!!
龍飛

IRIS!!
YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION, LITTLE KNIGHT!

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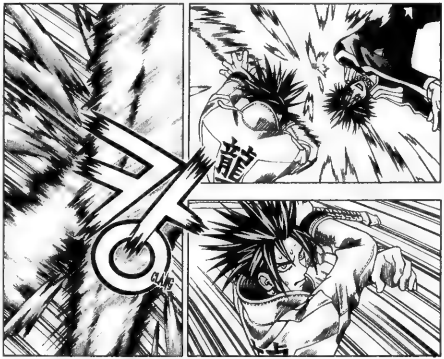
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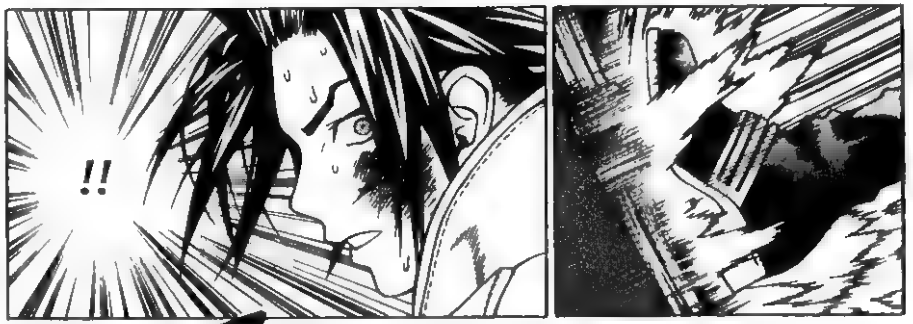
RAGNAROK
IN TO THE ABYSS

SKURAI!!
?!

WHERE DID HE GO?
?
두두두
!
우우우
우우우
YOOOSH!

VOOOOSH
THE KEY STONE!!
DAMN!
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE...

...I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW IT!!
!
THERE IT IS!!
SLIP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CREEAAAK
YAAA!

UNGH!
UNGH!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

EWAM
EWAM
EWAM
EWAM

AHAHA HAHA!!
HAHAHA HAHA!!
...!!
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH

HE ENJOYED THE TASTE SO MUCH, HE WANTS MORE.

SHUT UP!!
AHAHA! SUCH LIFE!

IRIS!!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

COME TO ME, CHAOS!!

DAMN YOU!
STOP PLAYING GAMES! NO MORE TRICKS!
HAHAHA! TRICKS?

KLANG
YOU MEAN SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

LET ME TELL YOU, LITTLE KNIGHT. WHEN YOU'VE LIVED AS I'VE LIVED, YOU LEARN TO FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING
AARGH!!
OK
ONLY FOOLS FIGHT WITH HONOR...
...AND FOOLS WHO FIGHT WITH HONOR...DIE YOUNG AND HORRIBLY.

DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. YOUR LITTLE LADY WILL SOON FOLLOW YOU!
YOU CAN BE TOGETHER IN ETERNITY!!
HAHAHA HAHA!!

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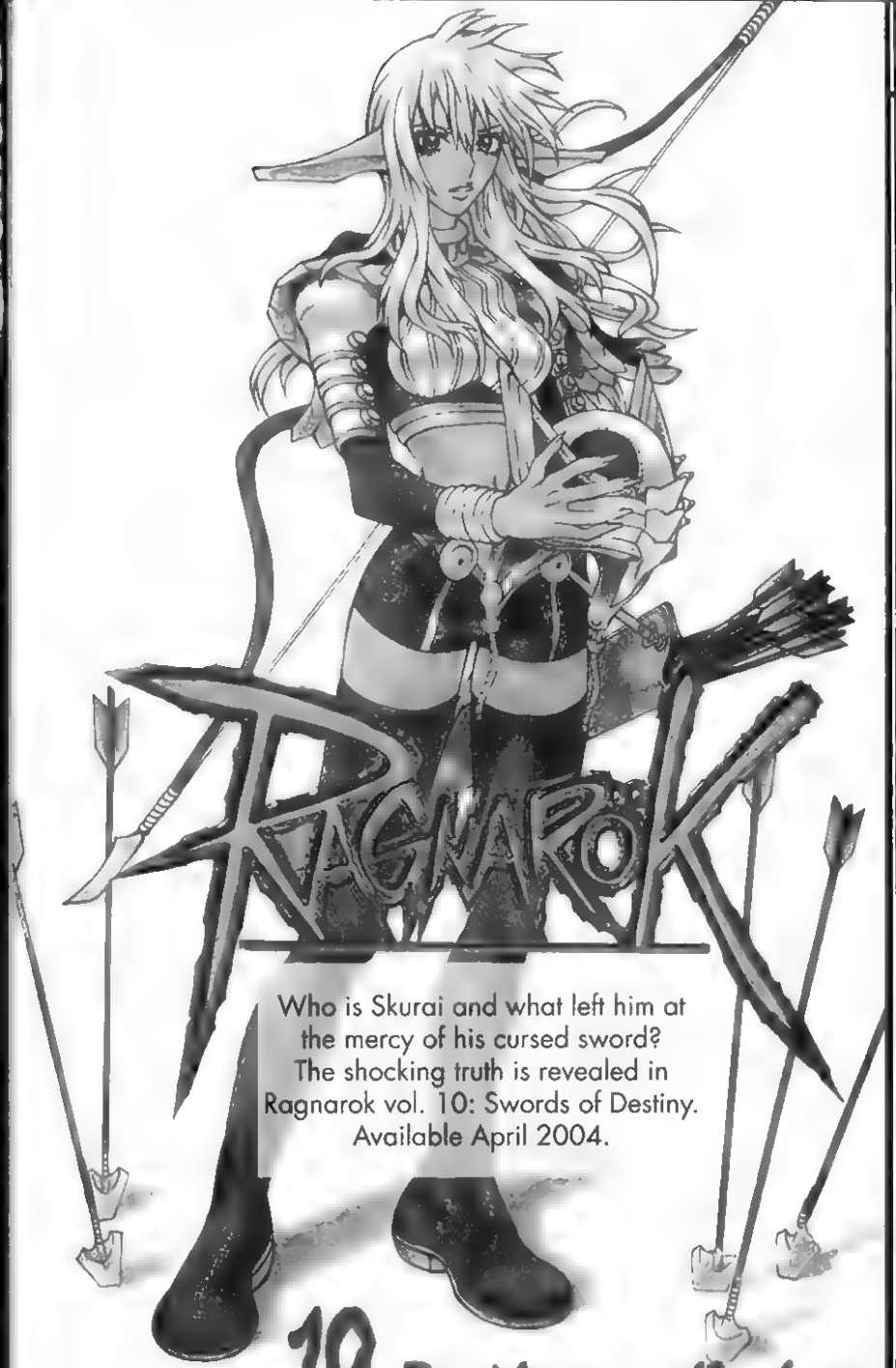

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OF COURSE YOU COULD JUST SMASH THE STINKY POO STONE.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF A STINKY POO STONE.
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU MINE.
NOW COME AND GET IT IF YOU DARE!
EWWW!

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PEOPLE OF POKOPEN. LET'S FACE FACTS. WHEN I, SGT. KERORO, CONQUER YOUR PLANET, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY ON YOU.
YES, MANY WILL PERISH. MAYBE YOU. MAYBE YOUR BEST FRIEND. MAYBE THE GIRL AT SCHOOL YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON. MAYBE EVEN YOUR CAT!
BUT THERE IS A WAY TO SAVE YOURSELF AND THE ONES YOU LOVE. EMBEDDED WITHIN EACH COPY OF MY MANGA, SGT. FROG, IS AN ANTI-DEATH RAY EMITTER.
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IT WILL MAKE YOU INFINITELY MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE OPPOSITE SEX.
ONCE THE "THINNING OUT" PROCESS IS COMPLETE, YOU'LL NOT ONLY BE ALIVE AND WELL, BUT YOU'LL BE SET TO REPOPULATE THE PLANET ON YOUR OWN TERMS.
WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR?
WHEN YOU SEE MY BOOK IN STORES THIS MARCH, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. IT'S BETTER FOR ME, IT'S BETTER FOR YOU.

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